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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOHNSON' S STATEMENT OF MARCH 27, 1973

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMB JOHNSON AT THE SALT MEETING OF MARCH 27, 1973.

MR. MINISTER:

I.

TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THOSE PORTIONS OF YOUR STATEMENT OF LAST FRIDAY WHICH DISCUSSED LIMITATIONS ON BOMBERS AND THEIR ARMAMENTS.

II.

WHILE WE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT HEAVY BOMBERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A PERMANENT AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, THERE STILL APPEAR TO BE MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US REGARDING HOW SUCH BOMBERS SHOULD BE LIMITED. AS YOU KNOW, WE PROPOSE INCLUDING HEAVY BOMBERS IN AN EQUAL AGGREGATE CEILING TOGETHER WITH ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS. WITHIN SUCH AN AGGREGATE THERE WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE DEGREE OF FREEDOM- TO- MIX AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS FOR MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT. AS I UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, THIS WAS ORIGINALLY A SOVIET SUGGESTION. ( IT

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IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE SOVIET SIDE IS ACCEPTING THIS PRINCIPLE  
AT THIS TIME, IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR STATEMENT THIS MORNING.)

HEAVY BOMBERS, LIKE ICBMS AND SLBMS, PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN  
THE OVERALL STRATEGIC BALANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND THUS  
COULD BE INCLUDED IN A PERMANENT AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC  
OFFENSIVE ARMS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THERE  
ARE EXTERNAL TRADE OFFICE,  
VIENNA. RATIO AND IFES ARE WELL- KNOWN AND EXPERIENCED RESEARCH  
INSTITUTES.

3. ON BASIS OF BID INFORMATION, THIS ONLY BIDDER SEEMS  
QUALIFIED BUT EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT MRO ALEX HERTZBERG IN-  
CLUDES INSTITUTE FOR INDUSTRIAL MARKETING IN VISITING PROGRAM  
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